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Bob,

Please find attached the disclosure of the patent "An efficient method for producing off-line closed captions".

This disclosure is related to the patent, "A method for refining time alignments of closed captions", which has been filed by Hamilton, Brooks and Reynolds. If accepted by the patent committee, we suggest to have the patent application written by a patent attorney from the same company.

Regards,

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